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## LJCF Students Complete Telecommunications Course to Gain Job Skills

Logansport, Indiana (September 23, 2009) – Having the skills necessary to find gainful employment upon release from prison is one of the greatest barriers for anyone leaving the Indiana Department of Correction's (IDOC) custody. For juvenile students at Logansport Juvenile Correctional Facility (LJCF), learning technical skills to aid them in their future job searches turned out to be a great opportunity.

LJCF recently began a federally funded (Title I) pilot project for incarcerated juvenile males, and on September 10, seventeen LJCF students completed their 6-week course in Network Cabling Copper-based Systems by passing the certification test. Subsequently, a Fiber-optics class began this week, with completion scheduled for October 30, 2009. Recently two students who completed the program were released and were scheduled for job interviews in the telecommunications field.

The program, developed by C-Tech and Associates, prepares students for jobs in the field of telecommunications. C-Tech has an established nationwide network of independent Certified Training Facilities, including LJCF, as well as standards for the certification of instructors and students. The C-Tech program has a 98% completion rate nationwide and a 90% certification rate. Students graduating from the program receive industry-recognized certification.

“By far, employment remains one of the highest barriers to a successful re-entry for juveniles and adults exiting the prison system. Nevertheless, programs such as this can better prepare offenders for their job searches and give them the skills necessary to succeed in an ever-changing work environment.”

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